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tion by 10 December 1952. As of 23 December 1952, however, the decision of the Council of Ministers had not been carried out.

2. Poland had agreed to deliver 2,000 metric tons of coke per day to East Germany. Of this amount only about 1,200 metric tons were allocated to the Ministry of Mining and Smelting, though plants under the Ministry required approximately 3,000 metric tons of coke per day. Indeed, the coke situation had become so critical by 20 December that the Mansfeld-Kombinat only had about one week's supply on hand.
3. Increased deliveries of coke from Soviet satellites were urgently needed because of the nonfulfillment of the Lauchhammer coke production plan. In late December 1952, Lauchhammer had delivered to the Ministry only 5,000 of the 125,000 metric tons of high-temperature coke provided for in the production plan.

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